

Colchester Charter - Summary of Proposed Changes

Article 1					
Current	General Provisions	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-101	Definitions	Yes	1	Clarification / Technical	§ C-101
§ C-102	Rights & Obligations	No	N/A		§ C-102
§ C-103 A	General Powers of Town	No	N/A		§ C-103 A
§ C-103 B	General Powers of Town	Yes	1	Grammar	§ C-103 B
§ C-104	Construction	No	N/A		§ C-104

Article 2					
Current	Elected Officials & Boards	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-201 A	First Selectman	No	N/A		§ C-201 A
§ C-201 B	Town Clerk	Yes	6	Town Clerk Appointed	§ C-201 B
§ C-201 C	Tax Collector	Yes	4	Tax Collector Appointed	§ C-201 C
§ C-201 D	Town Treasurer	Yes	5	Treasurer Eliminated	§ C-201 D
N/A	Registrars of Voters	New	1	Clarification- added C-201E	§ C-201 E
§ C-202	Elected Boards	No	N/A		§ C-202
§ C-203 A	Eligibility for election of ...	No	N/A		§ C-203 A
§ C-203 B	Eligibility for election of ...	Yes	1	Grammar	§ C-203 B
§ C-203 C	Eligibility for election of ...	No	N/A		§ C-203 C
§ C-203 D	Eligibility for election of ...	Yes	1	Grammar	§ C-203 D
N/A	Succession provisions	New	1	Technical Change- added C-204	§ C-204

Article 3					
Current	First Selectman	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-301	Manner of election & term	Yes	2	Terms of office	§ C-301
§ C-302 A	Powers and duties	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-302 A
§ C-302 B	Powers and duties	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-302 B
§ C-302 C	Powers and duties	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-302 C
§ C-302 D	Powers and duties	Yes	1	Grammar	§ C-302 D
§ C-302 E	Powers and duties	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-302 E
§ C-302 F	Powers and duties	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-302 F
§ C-303 A	Succession provisions	No	N/A		§ C-303 A
§ C-303 B	Succession provisions	No	N/A		§ C-303 B
§ C-303 C	Succession provisions	Yes	1	Technical Change	§ C-303 C

Article 4					
Current	The Board of Selectmen	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-401	Manner of election & term	Yes	1 & 2	Technical / Terms of Office	§ C-401
§ C-402 A	Powers and duties - CGS	No	N/A		§ C-402 A
§ C-402 B	Contracts	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-402 B
§ C-402 C	Personnel	No	N/A		§ C-402 C
§ C-402 D	Creation & abolition of boards	Yes	1	Technical	§ C-402 D
§ C-402 E	Temporary boards & study groups	No	N/A		§ C-402 E
§ C-402 F	Government contracts	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-402 F
§ C-402 G	Appointment & removal of board members	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-402 G
§ C-402 H	Oversight of Town departments	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-402 H
§ C-402 I	Supplemental appropriations & transfers	Yes	3	Budget Process	§ C-402 I
§ C-402 J	Acceptance of roads	Yes	1	Grammar	§ C-402 J
§ C-402 K	Delegation of authority	No	N/A		§ C-402 K
§ C-402 L	Water Pollution Control Authority	No	N/A		§ C-402 L
§ C-403 A	Limited power to adopt ordinances	Yes	1	Grammar	§ C-403 A
§ C-403 A1	Limited power to adopt ordinances	No	N/A		§ C-403 A1
§ C-403 A2	Limited power to adopt ordinances	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-403 A2
§ C-403 B	Limited power to adopt ordinances	Yes	1	Grammar	§ C-403 B
§ C-403 C	Limited power to adopt ordinances	Yes	1	Grammar	§ C-403 C
§ C-403 D	Limited power to adopt ordinances	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-403 D
§ C-403 E	Limited power to adopt ordinances	Yes	1	Grammar	§ C-403 E
§ C-404	Succession provisions	Removed	1	Technical - under new C-204	N/A
§ C-405	Limited power of investigation	No	N/A		§ C-405

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Article 5					
Current	Other Elected Officials	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-501	The Town Clerk	Removed	6	Covered within Article VII	§ C-501
§ C-502	Tax Collector	Removed	4	Covered within Article VII	§ C-502
§ C-503	The Treasurer	Removed	5	Covered within Article VII	§ C-503

Article 6					
Current	Other Elected Boards	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-601 A	BOF - Membership	Yes	1	Clarification / Minor Change	§ C-601 A
§ C-601 B	BOF - Terms	Yes	2	Terms of office	§ C-601 B
§ C-601 C	BOF Duties	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-601 C
§ C-601 C1	BOF Duties	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-601 C1
§ C-601 C2	BOF Duties	Yes	1	Grammar/Clarification	§ C-601 C2
§ C-601 C3	BOF Duties	New	1	Technical Change	§ C-601 C3
§ C-601 D	Succession provisions	Removed	1	Technical -under new C-204	N/A
§ C-602 A	BOE - Membership	Yes	1	Clarification / Minor Change	§ C-602 A
§ C-602 B	BOE - Terms	No	N/A		§ C-602 B
§ C-602 C1	BOE Duties	No	N/A		§ C-602 C1
§ C-602 C2	BOE Duties	Yes	1	Grammar/Clarification	§ C-602 C2
§ C-602 D	Succession provisions	Removed	1	Technical -under new C-204	N/A
§ C-603 A	BOAA - Membership	Yes	1	Clarification / Minor Change	§ C-603 A
§ C-603 B	BOAA - Terms	Yes	2	Terms of office	§ C-603 B
§ C-603 C	BOAA - Duties	No	N/A		§ C-603 C
§ C-603 D	Succession provisions	Removed	1	Technical -under new C-204	N/A

Article 7					
Current	Appointed Officials & Appointed Boards	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-701	Appointed Officials	Yes	1	Technical	§ C-701
§ C-701 A	Assessor	No	N/A		§ C-701 A
§ C-701 B	Tax Collector	New	4	Tax Collector Appointed	§ C-701 B
§ C-701 C	Town Clerk	New	6	Town Clerk Appointed	§ C-701 C
§ C-701 D	Treasurer	New	5	Treasurer Eliminated	§ C-701 D
§ C-702	Appointed Boards	Yes	1	Technical	§ C-702
§ C-703	Eligibility & appointment of Appointed Officials	No	N/A		§ C-703
§ C-704	Removal of Appointed Officials	No	N/A		§ C-704
§ C-705 A	Eligibility & appointment of Appointed Boards	Yes	1	Grammar / Clarification	§ C-705 A
§ C-705 B	Eligibility & appointment of Appointed Boards	Yes	1	Technical	§ C-705 B
§ C-706 A	Removal of Appointed Board member	Yes	1	Grammar	§ C-706 A
§ C-706 B	Removal of Appointed Board member	No	N/A		§ C-706 B
§ C-706 C	Removal of Appointed Board member	No	N/A		§ C-706 C
§ C-707	Appointment of alternates to Appointed Boards	Yes	1	Grammar	§ C-707

Article 8	Reserved	Change	Question	Type
	No Change			

Article 9					
Current	Appointed Boards	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-901	Police Commission	Removed	1	Technical, Covered in C-702 & by Ordinance	§ C-901
§ C-902	Sewer and Water Commission	Removed	1	Technical, Covered in C-702 & by Ordinance	§ C-902

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Article 10					
Current	Town Meeting and Annual Budget Meeting	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-1001 A	Overview	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-1001 A
§ C-1001 B	Items requiring Town Meeting	No	N/A		§ C-1001 B
§ C-1001 B(1)	Issuance of bonds and all other forms of borrowing	Yes	3	Financial Matters - Moved to New 1109a	§ C-1109a
§ C-1001 B(2)	Supplemental appropriation >0.5% Town Budget	Yes	1,3	Financial Matters - Moved to New 1111a	§ C-1111a
§ C-1001 B(3)	Transfers between Town departments >0.5% Town Budget	Yes	3	Financial Matters - Moved to New 1110a	§ C-1110a
§ C-1001 B(4)	Cumulative transfer / appropriation exceeding 4% Town Budget	Removed	3	Finanical Matters - Removed	N/A
§ C-1001 B(5)	Real estate purchases >\$10,000	Yes	1,3	Tech & Financial Matters - Moved to New 1107A(1)	§ C-1107 A(1)
§ C-1001 B(6)	Real estate sales >\$10,000	Yes	1,3	Tech & Financial Matters - Moved to New 1107A(2)	§ C-1107 A(2)
§ C-1001 B(7)	Creation or abolition of any permanent Town board	Yes	3	Grammar, Now 1001 B(2)	§ C-1001 B(2)
§ C-1001 B(8)	Creation or abolition of any position for an elected official	Yes	3	Now 1001 B(3)	§ C-1001 B(3)
§ C-1001 B(9)	Leases	Yes	1,3	Technical/ Financial Matters - Moved to New 1108a	§ C-1108a
§ C-1001 B(10)	Grants	Yes	1,3	Technical / Financial Matters - Moved to New 1112a	§ C-1112a
§ C-1001 B(11)	Adopting or Repealing Town ordinances	Yes	3	Now 1001 B(1)	§ C-1001 B(1)
§ C-1001 B(12)	Other Matters BOS deems worthy of Town meeting	Yes	3	Now 1001 B(5)	§ C-1001 B(5)
§ C-1001 C	BOS power to hold Town Meeting	Yes	3	Minor Change	§ C-1001 C
§ C-1002	Annual Budget Meeting	Yes	1,3	Technical / Financial Matters - Moved to 1105a	§ C-1105a
§ C-1003	Procedures	Yes	1	Clarification	§ C-1003
N/A	Matters of Proposals described in Sections 1107a-1108a, 1111a-1112a	Yes	3	New	§ C-1001 B(4)

Article 11					
Current	The Annual Budget Referendum and Special Referenda	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-1101	The Annual Budget Referendum	Yes	1	Technical /Moved to 1106 A	§ C-1106a
§ C-1102	Special Budget Referenda	Yes	1	Clarification/ Moved to 1103	§ C-1103
§ C-1103 A	Special Referenda	Yes	1	Clarification - Now 1102 A	§ C-1102 A
§ C-1103 B	Special Referenda	Yes	1	Clarification - Now 1102 B	§ C-1102 B
§ C-1103 C	Special Referenda	Yes	1	Clarification - Now 1102 C	§ C-1102 C
§ C-1104	Recount of Annual Budget Referendum or special referenda	Yes	3	Financial Matters / Split between C-1104 & 1106 B	§ C-1104
N/A	Adding New Sections	Yes	3	Financial Matters	See above

Article 12					
Current	Town Departments and Administration	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-1201	Town Departments	Yes	1	Clarification / Change (Update departments)	§ C-1201
§ C-1202	Department of Finance	Removed	1	Clarification/Minor Change/Technical Change	N/A
§ C-1203	Department of Public Works	Removed	1	Clarification/Minor Change/Technical Change	N/A
§ C-1204	Department of Planning and Zoning	Removed	1	Clarification/Minor Change/Technical Change	N/A
§ C-1205	Department of Public Health	Removed	1	Clarification/Minor Change/Technical Change	N/A
§ C-1206	Department of Parks and Recreation	Removed	1	Clarification/Minor Change/Technical Change	N/A
§ C-1207	Department of Code Administration	Removed	1	Clarification/Minor Change/Technical Change	N/A
§ C-1208	Department of Engineering	Removed	1	Clarification/Minor Change/Technical Change	N/A

Article 13					
Current	Town Employees and Appointed Officials	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-1301	Town Employees and Appointed Officials	Yes	1	Technical	§ C-1301

Article 14					
Current	Mandatory Periodic Charter Review	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-1401	Charter Review Commission	No	N/A		§ C-1401

Article 15					
Current	Miscellaneous Provisions	Change	Question	Type	New
§ C-1501	Consolidation	No	N/A		§ C-1501
§ C-1502 A	Existing Laws and Ordinances	Yes	1	Technical	§ C-1502 A
§ C-1502 B	Existing Laws and Ordinances	Yes	1	Removed	N/A
§ C-1503	Commencement of terms of Elected Officials	No	N/A		§ C-1503
§ C-1504	Minority Political Representation	Yes	1	Technical	§ C-1504
§ C-1505	Justice of the Peace	No	N/A		§ C-1505
§ C-1506	Quarterly Meeting	Removed	1	Minor Change	§ C-1506
§ C-1507	Transfer of Power	No	N/A		§ C-1507
§ C-1508	Continuation of Appropriation of Town Funds	No	N/A		§ C-1508
§ C-1509	Legal Proceedings	No	N/A		§ C-1509
§ C-1510	Savings Clause	No	N/A		§ C-1510
§ C-1511	Effective date	No	N/A		§ C-1511